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Status of publications

Report of the Secretary-General

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1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 4(e) of its resolution 46/116, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to prepare the following publications:

a) A reference guide to all United Nations studies and reports on human rights and related aspects;

b) An update of the publication entitled United Nations Action in the Field of Human Rights;

c) An update of the publications entitled Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments and Human Rights: Status of International Instruments, including also texts of regional instruments on human rights.

2. The reference guide is intended as a practical research tool for all persons working with the various reports, documents and studies dealing with human rights issues produced under the aegis of the United Nations. It also covers institutional aspects of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, as well as other organizations active in the field of human rights.

3. United Nations Action in the Field of Human Rights consists of an expanded and updated version of the previous edition which was published in 1988. It reviews the activities of the United Nations in the field of human rights from the establishment of the Organization on 26 June 1945 up to 31 December 1991.

4. Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments will contain regional as well as international human rights instruments. Human Rights: the Status of International Instruments will provide more information on the main body of international human rights law, including extensive details on each human rights instrument covered. Both of these publications have been updated to 31 March 1993.

5. In addition to the above-mentioned publications, a book on women and human rights has been finalized by the Non-Governmental Liaison Service in Geneva. It deals with gender discrimination and is intended to be of practical use to all actors involved in the protection of the human rights of women.

6. The United Nations Library in Geneva is compiling a bibliography, in five volumes, consisting of materials published on the activities of the United Nations in the field of human rights during the past decade (1980-1990). The bibliography, containing approximately 10,000 entries, will be another useful research tool for all persons interested in obtaining information on the human rights activities of the United Nations.

7. The publications are expected to be made available to the World Conference on Human Rights in June 1993.

